

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting November 15, 2022, Minutes

The meeting rescheduled from November 10 was called to order at 6pm by President Beth Rooney. Present were board members: Beth Rooney, Travis Fite, Chris Beckwith, Jennifer Donnelly, Bill Chambers, Sandy Whitekiller, David Martinez, Karen Harris and Angela Brazeal. Mike Appel was absent.

1. A motion was made by (unknown) and seconded to approve October's minutes with one correction put forth by Karen Harris & Beth Rooney.
MOTION Passed.
2. The treasurer's report showing an ending balance of \$43,958.53 was reviewed and accepted for filing.
3. President Rooney reviewed the results of the October Poll asking members their preference as to who should have the ability to update SCC bylaws, members or the board. 63% felt members should. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Rooney and seconded by Karen Harris to update SCC bylaws to the language originally contained in the 1996 bylaws giving members the right to update bylaws.
MOTION Passed.
4. President Rooney reviewed the results of the October Poll asking members their preference as to who should have the ability to update SCC policies, members or the board. 48.1% felt members should, 42.6% felt the board should, and 9.3% indicated no preference. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Rooney and seconded by Karen Harris to keep SCC bylaws as they are which give the board the right to update policies.
MOTION Passed.
5. The Board reviewed the rest of the bylaw changes proposed by the 2022 Bylaws Committee (Appel, Harris, & Rooney). Board members accepted these additional key changes:
 1. Dates for when the Annual Business Meeting needs to be announced (60 days prior), when board member nominees need to be submitted to the board (December 1) and when proposed changes to SCC policy (for discussion) or bylaws (for vote) at the Annual Business Meeting need to be submitted (30 days prior);
 2. Wording changed to state the Board of Directors shall include representatives from each region provided that each region has an individual available and willing to fulfill their obligations;
 3. Wording added stipulating that a majority of directors must reside or own property in the watershed.
6. The Peggs Community Center has been booked January 14, 2023 for the Annual Meeting.

7. Board Member Nominees for 2023: Bill Chambers and Karen Harris are up for a second term. Jennifer Donnelly is leaving. President Rooney noted she will advertise for additional nominees with a due date of December 1. Karen Harris is Nominating Committee Chair.
8. President Rooney gave a quick overview of findings from water samples taken by Sandy Whitekiller from two locations, one on Spring Creek and the other on the Grand River below MidAmerica Park. Both were clear of PFAS. Note: the PFAS testing was sponsored by Waterkeeper Alliance which gave two free test kits to all their US affiliates and waterkeepers. Spring Creek is a Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate.
9. The hearing in Delaware County is scheduled for December 19 at 9:30 am.
10. Grants opportunity: L.E.A.D. mini-grant (\$2,500); President Rooney submitted an application Nov 14 for this grant, to support water monitoring.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Minutes were prepared by SCC Secretary Angela Brazeal